



# Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

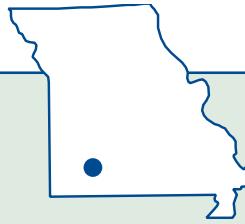
## Springfield, MO

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Springfield was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Springfield (population 151,580) has identified 574 brownfields sites just within the 300-acre Jordan Valley Park area, the former industrial center of the city. Other parts of the older Springfield community, in the city's center and northern Springfield, also are plagued with abandoned and underutilized sites that once housed industrial operations, gas stations, scrap yards, and other commercial activity. Forty-six percent of the city's residents live in the neighborhoods surrounding these blighted target areas. The poverty rate (21.5 percent) among this population is 26 percent higher than the city's rate, the median household income is 47 percent of the city's median, and the unemployment rate is more than twice the city-wide rate. Assessment and



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, develop a technical sampling plan and health and safety plans, perform 15 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop cleanup and reuse strategies for sites within the city's designated brownfields area.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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<http://www.epa.gov/Region7/citizens/brownfields/index.htm>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

eventual cleanup and redevelopment of the brownfields is expected to help eliminate hazards, raise property values, and provide a place for new businesses and jobs in the community. The city hopes to build on the success of an earlier phase of the Jordan Valley Park redevelopment, which included new park lands, recreational venues, hotel facilities, and housing, and generated approximately 1,000 jobs and \$200 million in investments.